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1. The Hungarian Cabinet will resign, according to the Communist Party schedule, before the summer of 1949 when the following is expected to have been accomplished:
- Liquidation of Roman Catholic resistance by the elimination or complete subduing of Cardinal Mindszenty.
  - Abolition of the Popular Democratic (Barankovics) Party.
  - Legislation of collectivization for agricultural production.
  - Institution of a one-party system.
2. Matyas Rakosi, stronger than ever after defeating the intrigues of certain Hungarian Communist Party members this spring, will head the next cabinet. The reports of his succeeding Andre Zdanov (in the Cominform) are without foundation. The Hungarian propaganda machine is starting to popularize the idea of Rakosi taking over the government completely.
4. When Gyula Ortutay, Minister of Education and Culture, has completed his task of assisting the Communist in breaking Catholic resistance and liquidating Mindszenty, Gyula Kallai, Senior Communist Party member and Chef-de-Cabinet, will replace him as Minister of Education to transform the structure of the educational system and instill Communism in cultural life.
5. Laszlo Rajk will soon be dismissed and succeeded by Joseph Ravai, editor-in-chief of Szabad Nep.

Comment: Press reports on 27 December confirm the arrest of Cardinal Mindszenty.)

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